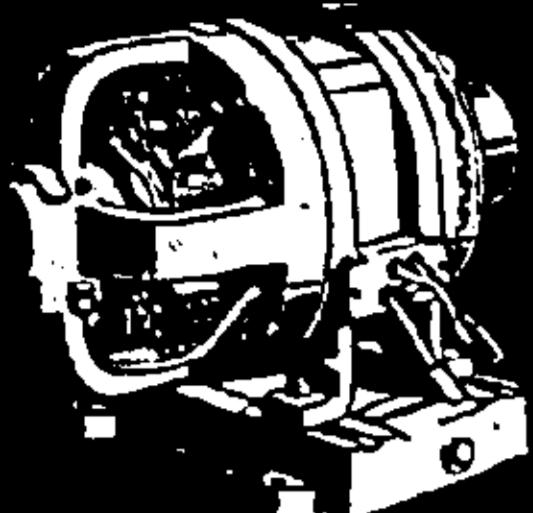


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

U.S. AMBASSADOR RESIGNS.

Washington, January 28.

Mr. Fletcher, United States Ambassador to Mexico, has resigned, owing, it is stated, to the impossibility of negotiating satisfactorily, any longer, important issues with General Carranza. It may be recalled that Mr. Fletcher returned to the United States a year ago, since when Mr. G. T. Sumner has been the United States Charge d'Affaires in Mexico.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
RELEASED GERMANS COMING HERE.

EIGHT HUNDRED LEAVE SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, February 2.

Eight hundred Germans, lately interned in Japan, Siberia and China, left for Hongkong on the Hudson Maru on Tuesday.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
STRAITS TRADE COMMISSIONER.

Singapore, February 2.

The Board of Trade announces that Major A. F. G. Anderson has been appointed Trade Commissioner to Singapore vice Mr. M. C. Kellian resigned. Major Anderson has seen considerable commercial experience in connection with rubber estates, in mines and other undertakings in Penang, and first with a private firm, then for nine years in the local firm of exchange share brokers, Anthony and Anderson. He joined the army in 1914 and was promoted Major in 1917.

THE VLADIVOSTOK SITUATION.

Shanghai, February 2.

The Third Amoor Engineers' Division of the People's Army occupied Vladivostok on Saturday. There were no casualties. They received a colossal welcome and demonstrations took place on Sunday. The troops made a forced march for today over the mountains from Buzerkin. The Allied troops patrolled the streets.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CAIRO TO THE CAPE.

London, Jan. 30.

The "Times" in a leader on the Cairo-Cape flight says: "There is an intoxicating thrill in the mere thought of the possibility of such an enterprise. It is one of the first steps in the all-important undertaking of establishing regular air communication between the Mother Country and the more distant parts of the Empire. The immediate problem for this country is the speedy opening up of the new medium of travel along well-equipped air roads such as the route from Cairo to the Cape all over the Empire. Africa is still the dark continent but the aeroplane is going to end all that. From north to south, from east to west it will let in light and some day we may look back on the first experimental flight from Cairo to the Cape as the beginning of a new and better order of things not only for the Empire knit together by a closer and clearer understanding but for the whole world."

AMERICANISATION BILL.

Washington, Jan. 26.

The Senate has passed the Kenyon Americanisation Bill requiring all residents in the United States between 16 and 21 years of age, if physically and mentally competent, and all aliens between 16 and 45 who are unable to speak English to attend school for not less than two hundred hours per annum.

ATTACK ON MR. HOOVER.

Washington, Jan. 26.

Mr. Hoover, who is being widely urged to accept nomination for the Presidency, was attacked in the Senate by Senator Reed who charged Hoover with having been "A denizen and resident of Great Britain." He said Hoover's training and sympathies fitted him as president to co-operate with a "British League of Nations."

FLU' IN AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 27.

The House of Representatives has passed a resolution for the appropriation of \$500,000 to combat the influenza epidemic.

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Jan. 31.

Premier Hughes has announced that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales arrives in Australia in the third week of May.

TRAIN COLLISION IN CANADA.

Montreal, Jan. 27.

Eight were killed and many injured in a collision near North Bay, Ontario, between two sections of the Canadian-Pacific Express bound to Vancouver.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOLSHEVIK SUCCESSES.

Harbin, Jan. 24.

Czechs totalling about fifteen thousand spread out on the railway from Irkutsk westward for four hundred miles are in a most precarious position owing to the whole country being Bolshevik, while the railway line though under the Czech's control is damaged in innumerable places and the workmen are refusing to do the necessary repairs. The Bolshevik headquarters at Tomsk offered the Czechs repatriation across Russia on condition they surrendered Koltchak with his gold treasure and military supplies. The Czechs handed over Koltchak but held the gold which the Bolsheviks have sworn never to pass east of Baikal.

A Polish division numbering five thousand mutinied and murdered its officers and went over to the Bolsheviks while Semenoff's force has been reduced by desertion to two thousand Cossacks. A large number of his Austro-German soldiers has also joined the Bolsheviks who are everywhere getting the upper hand and practically the whole population of Siberia is ready to accept Bolshevism.

Harbin, Jan. 28.

The "Times" correspondent at Harbin states that the Japanese and Bolshevik commanders met at Nikolsk and arranged for the former to control the railway station and the latter the workshops of the town. After a brief fight on the 26th the majority of the Government troops went over to the Bolsheviks, the remnant retiring to the Manchurian border.

London, Jan. 29.

A Bolshevik communiqué from the Caucasus front claims that cavalry forced the River Manjush and completely defeated the enemy south of Yefremoff, taking prisoner over five thousand.

The "Times" correspondent at Harbin reports (Jan. 29) that it is established that the French General Janin, sent from France in 1918, was placed by Admiral Kolchak in command of all the troops west of Irkutsk and authorised the surrender of Kolchak by the Czechoslovaks to the Social Revolutionaries. The news has caused a sensation. General Janin was challenged to a duel by another General and Semenoff's officers formed a league to have his blood. The Czechs claim that their choice lay between the surrender of one man and complete annihilation of the Czech forces. The local Bolsheviks have occupied Nikolsk where there are five hundred Japanese and a thousand Chinese. Blagovestchensk is also in the hands of the Revolutionaries.

London, Jan. 31.

General Judenitch has been released by the Estonians whilst being conveyed secretly to Dorpat. A Bolshevik wireless states that the Czechs are disarming Semenoff's troops. A Vienna message says the Ukrainians have captured Odessa after heavy fighting. A mixed committee is administering the city.

BOLSHEVIK AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA.

Washington, Feb. 2.

Mr. Martens, the so called Bolshevik Ambassador to the United States, informed the Senate Committee which is investigating the question of Russian foreign propaganda that the Soviet organisations have become "strong enough to fight the world." Therefore the Soviet had ceased to urge an international revolution. He declared the Soviet Treasury is possessed of about \$500,000,000 with which it now desired to purchase necessities abroad. Mr. Martens displayed a list of about a thousand names of American business houses which he said were ready to do business with him.

RUMANIA'S TASK.

London, Jan. 29.

The Rumanian Premier, interviewed by Reuter in London, referred to Rumania's desire to remain in closest contact with the Allies and said regarding the dangers of Bolshevism: "To my knowledge the Bolsheviks are preparing a campaign for the spring with a well-organised army trained by German officers." Rumania would be most watchful and take all defence measures. He had communicated with the Supreme Council as regards the Allies' establishing a sanitary cordon from the Baltic to the Black Sea to prevent the spread of disease.

JUDENITCH ARRESTED.

Stockholm, Jan. 30.

It is reported Gen. Judenitch, who contemplated leaving Estonia with a large sum of money belonging to the North-West Army, has been arrested.

ADMIRAL KOLTCHAK A PRISONER.

Paris, Jan. 22.

The French Government has telegraphically instructed the Allied High Commissioner in Siberia to endeavour to obtain Koltchak's release.

SOVIET TO POLAND.

Moscow, Jan. 30.

A wireless says the Soviet Government has sent a note to Poland declaring that the extreme elements of the Entente are endeavouring to incite Poland to an unjust, senseless and criminal war against Russia and it urges that there are no questions which are unsolvable by negotiations, concessions and mutual agreements.

NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Jan. 30.

The Chamber after debating the general policy passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 510 votes to 76.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA AND PEACE TREATY.

Washington, Jan. 27.

Owing to Senator Hitchcock threatening to introduce a motion in the Senate to take up the Treaty the Democrats agreed to another inter-party meeting to be held on 29th January.

Washington, Jan. 30.

The inter-party senatorial conference which was assembled with the object of reaching a compromise on the Peace Treaty broke up without result after Senator Lodge refused to accept a reservation proposed by Mr. Taft in respect of Article Ten. Senator Hitchcock announced his intention to give notice in the Senate that he would move that the Treaty be taken up on the floor of the House on Feb. 10.

The Taft reservation declares that the United States declines to assume any obligations to preserve territorial integrity of any other country under the provisions of Article Ten or to employ the forces of the United States for any purpose but the Congress will consider and decide what moral obligation should move the United States in the interest of world peace and justice to take action.

U. S. GOVERNMENT AND EXCHANGE.

Washington, Jan. 30.

Mr. Glass, Secretary to the Treasury, in a statement declares the Treasury is convinced the credits required for economic restoration must be supplied by private channels. He opposed further Governmental loans and the cancellation of any obligations to European Governments and declares that rectification of exchanges lies primarily in the hands of European Governments whose refusal to export gold prevents this rectification. The United States cannot undertake to finance the requirements of Europe.

Mr. Glass states objections to the proposed International Conference. He fears that if such is held many European Governments would unjustifiably assume the United States is going to shoulder their burdens. He does not object to American Chambers of Commerce sending representatives if they desire to attend an unofficial conference, provided the impossibility of United States Government action is pre-recognised.

THE POWHATTAN.

New York, Jan. 27.

A telegram says the Shipping Board offers a reward of £30,000 to any vessel bringing the disabled liner Powhattan to port. It is reported that two American tugs have succeeded in getting lines aboard the Powhattan and towing her to Halifax. The Powhattan, whose crew of 200 are still aboard, has been adrift since Jan. 18 in stormy seas. Seven big Atlantic ships and several Navy vessels have taken turns in trying to rescue people from her or get tow lines aboard.

Later. The Powhattan has been towed in at Halifax, all well.

THE U. S. NEWSPAPER DEAL.

New York, Jan. 26.

Frank Munsey, purchaser of the papers belonging to the late J. Gordon Bennett, announces that the "New York Evening Telegram" will continue as an independent publication and the Paris edition of the New York Herald" will not be affected by the merging of the "New York Sun" and "New York Herald."

AMERICA'S DEBTORS.

Washington, Jan. 30.

According to a Treasury statement, accrued interest on American loans to European countries is now approximate to \$325,000,000. The Treasury proposes to defer the collection of interest pending reconstruction in ex-belligerent countries. Britain owes \$14,441,000 and France \$9,022,000.

(Other Telegrams on Pages 2, and 3.)

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was \$3.594d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Cloudy. Barometer: 30.10. Temperature 2 p.m.—56. Humidity 2 p.m.—75.

DEATH OF MR. A. W. P. SPIERS.

SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA.

It is our painful duty to record another death from double pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, the victim in this instance being Mr. Alfred William Percy Spiers, of Messrs. Davis and Company, Hongkong Hotel Mansions, who passed away at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

A circumstance which invests the demise of Mr. Spiers with all the more sadness is the fact that he only arrived back in the Colony from Home ten days ago, bringing with him on the Persia Maru his wife and the latter's mother, the last-named having come out East on a pleasure trip. The deceased was married in England, and for the widow and her mother the sincere sympathy of the whole Colony will be felt in the unexpected bereavement which they have been called upon to bear. Mr. Spiers was taken sick just on his arrival here, and was removed to hospital on Saturday last, when his condition became more serious. He was only 33 years of age.

The late Mr. Spiers came to the Colony in 1912, joining the staff of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., as engineer in charge of the Installation Department. He left the Electric Company in 1917 and joined Messrs. Davis and Company. Just back from Home, he was shortly due to proceed to Singapore to take charge of Messrs. Davis and Company's branch there. He was a member of the Defence Corps, being in the Artillery Company. Of a quiet and reserved disposition, Mr. Spiers was greatly liked by all who knew him, and by his untimely demise many residents have lost a true and sincere friend.

The funeral takes place at Happy Valley this evening, the cortège passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

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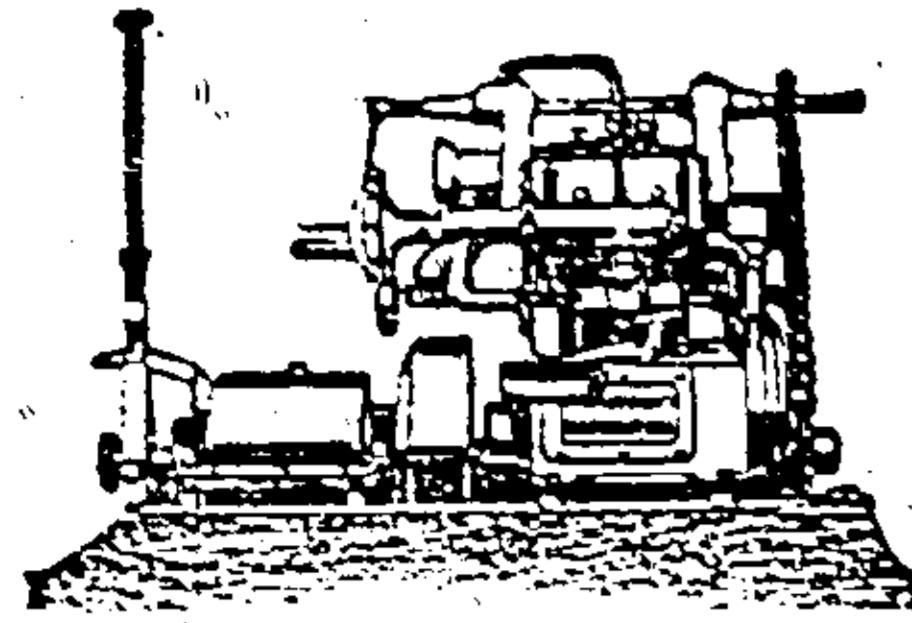


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MONEYLENDERS' EXTRATIONS IN THE EAST END.

Formed some 20 years ago with the object of countering the unscrupulous activities of money-lenders among the Bermondsey poor, the Dockhead Loan and Investment Society reports another useful year's work. There is now a membership of over 1,000, and an annual turnover of £8,000. This year's share-out amounted to about £5,000.

The Rev. H. Byrne, trustee and treasurer of the society, in an interview recently, "mentioned some glaring examples of the extortionate methods of the money-leaders in the riverside district. "I have known cases where interest at the rate of over 700 per cent. per year was squeezed out of the wives of the hard-working casual labourers at the waterside," he said, "and invariably the original amount advanced by these usurers is only a few shillings. A penny in the shilling per week is the usual rate of interest, but as much as three shillings in the pound per week has been charged. One sad case concerned a poor woman who got into the clutches of these sharks and dropped behind in her payments. Threatened with exposure, the woman in sheer desperation threw herself into the Thames. She was literally scared out of her wits lest that her husband should get to know that she had borrowed the money, and so she chose suicide to put an end to her anxieties."

Father Byrne explained that these money-lenders generally carried on their work through women touts, who "usually get to know when a woman is in temporary difficulties, and they worm their way into the home and suggest a small loan without the old man knowing anything of the deal." The evil had not been stamped out, but the activities of the "carion crows," as he described the women touts, were being checked by the work of the loan club.

BRITAIN'S WAR DEBT.

AN INCUBUS OF £157
A HEAD.

A Government White Paper compares the debt and expenses of the world of to-day with those of pre-war years.

The public debt per head in the United Kingdom has increased £157 10s. since the beginning of the war, this being the heaviest burden of any country, as will be seen from the following table:

Country.	Increase Per Head.
Germany	£128 0 0
France	£114 0 0
Austria	£ 89 0 0
Belgium	£ 74 0 0
Italy	£ 73 0 0
United States	£ 55 0 0
Japan	3 2½

But while British people have the heaviest burden of debt, there are others worse off as regards the increased cost of living. Taking 100 as the standard in 1914, Sweden is now paying 336 and America only 181, although all countries show a heavy increase, which can be tabularized thus:

Sweden	... 336
France	... 293
Italy	... 281
Norway	... 271
Switzerland	... 250
United Kingdom	... 217
Denmark	... 212
Netherlands	... 203
U.S.A.	... 181

Again taking the figure 100 as the standard for the years 1910-14, the world's sugar production in the year 1910 dropped to 96; oats fell to 97, wheat to 99.

On the other hand, tobacco has increased to 128, and maize to 104. Whereas in 1913 the United Kingdom, France, America, the Netherlands, and Germany produced a monthly average of 87,270,000 tons of coal, for the second half of 1919, this average fell to 68,327,000, or in proportionate figures from 100 to 79.

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GENERAL NEWS.

CURIOS NELSON RELICS SOLD.
The figure-head of the funeral car which conveyed Lord Nelson's body to St. Paul's Cathedral on January 6, 1806, was sold for £24 at Sotheby's recently. A lock of Nelson's hair and a piece of metal cut from his epaulette by the musket ball which killed him realised \$19. A series of 81 letters, addressed by him to Captain William Locker between 1777 and 1800, was purchased by Mr. Foster for £1,000. All the letters except four were written with the right hand.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

COMMERCIAL AVIATION.

London, Jan. 29.

It is understood that prominent aviation firms are combining to establish a system of air liners to America and possibly to South Africa. The scheme has been discussed ever since Major General Seely called a meeting of aircraft firms to consider the possibilities of commercial aviation. Since then purveyors have taken place between such firms as Vickers, Armstrong-Whitworth's, Beardmore's, and Short's with a view to purchasing existing Government airships and building others to first run a service to Scandinavia and thereafter more afield. It is proposed to build and acquire ships of 3,500,000 cubic feet, with a cruising radius of 4,500 miles, capable of carrying a cargo of fifteen tons. Government ships are not adapted for passenger traffic. Therefore considerable time must elapse before the scheme can fructify. Much experimental work is necessary in order to discover the most suitable types of machine. Expert circles doubt if ships of the above-mentioned dimensions will be sufficiently profitable and suggest ships of 10,000,000 cubic feet.

London, Jan. 31.

Regulations are published in the Daily Express for an aircraft flight from Britain to India and back for a prize of ten thousand sterling, the entrants to carry a cargo of twelve hundred pounds. Dates are fixed between 1st May and 31st October and the time allowed is 288 hours for either journey.

BRITISH TERRITORIALS.

London, Jan. 30.

Mr. Churchill, replying to a deputation of representatives of County Associations, stated that the total war establishment of the Territorial Army would be 345,000, but it was proposed firstly to recruit only up to sixty per cent. of the minimum indispensable to the effective training of recruits. Mr. Churchill said the army would be divided into two branches, the Regular Army and the Territorial Army, both complete and self-contained. The Territorials would enlist voluntarily for three years for trained men and four years for others. The training would be the same as before the war with additional facilities for courses of instruction. The commanders would be chosen from those who had commanded a battalion in the field with distinction. The purpose of the Territorial Army would be Imperial defence including our responsibility to defend France and Belgium if wrongfully attacked. It would be ready in a supreme emergency to defend against aggression whether on the Rhine or in India.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

London, Jan. 31.

In the great Rugby match at Twickenham England beat France by 8 points to 3.

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

London, Jan. 30.

The Colonial Office announces that it has been decided that German East Africa shall provisionally be renamed the Tanganyika Territory.

THE INFLUENZA OUTBREAK.

London, Jan. 30.

There has been a serious outbreak of influenza among the soldiers in Aldershot camp, which is spreading in the town. A Paris doctor asserts that both influenza and the new disease lethargic encephalitis, resembling sleeping sickness, are curable by injection of serum. He declared the former is a plague attacking the pulmonary region and the latter a plague attacking the nervous centres. Meanwhile experts are pointing out that the influenza germ has reappeared all over the world more over a new wave is about due. The authorities are widely urging everyone to take precautionary measures. The Ministry of Health is distributing gratis influenza vaccine.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

TREATY OF LONDON.

Paris, Jan. 29.

The Yugo-Slav reply to the Allies' ultimatum of 21st Jan. says they cannot understand how the Treaty of London, to which Yugo-Slavia was not a party and which was never communicated to it, could be applied to Yugo-Slavia failing immediate acceptance of the proposals. The Yugo-Slav Government cannot accept the proposals entirely and asks permission to submit modifications necessary to assure peace in the Adriatic. It points out that the proposals do not guarantee Italian evacuation of Fiume and Zara when they are created independent States and it concludes by expressing willingness to settle the difficulties in a conciliatory spirit.

THE EX-OFFICERS' LOT.

London, Jan. 30.

An Officers' Association with the object of bettering the lot of ex-Officers has been formally inaugurated at the Mansion House under the joint Presidency of Marshal Lord Haig, Admiral Lord Beatty and General Trenchard. Lord Haig said there were 20,000 ex

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DEATH.

ALMEIDA.—Mary Grace, aged 50 years and 5 months, beloved mother of Carlos, Alfredo, Carmen and Ida d'Almeida; died on the 29th January 1920 at her residence, No. 20 Ashley Road, Kowloon. Deeply regretted. (Singapore and Manila papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1920.

SINGAPORE CONSCRIPTION.

We have been watching the Straits papers to see whether any of them has set its face against the new Defence Corps Bill which would make service in that body obligatory on British subjects within a certain age-limit. But so far as we have been able to see, nobody appears to have bothered about the objectionable basic principle of the measure. Such comments as we have observed have been directed rather against certain provisions contained in the Bill, such as the exclusion of Government servants from the scope of its operations and the power of the G.O.C. to fine men for non-attendance at drills. It may be, of course, that when the Bill comes to be debated, on its second reading, some champion of public rights will come forward and seek to quash what we cannot but regard as an iniquitous measure. We hope so, for the sake of the freedom of Britons to choose for themselves whether they shall or shall not enrol for military service. But it will be an uphill fight, we fear, since the official element on the Council appears to have made up its mind that others must join the Force, even if Government servants are exempt.

In reading over the report of the proceedings in the Singapore Legislative Council when the Bill was introduced, we were struck by the fact that even in the official ranks there were differences of opinion as to whether the new Ordinance constituted conscription. The Attorney General made no bones about it—he declared that there was an interesting feature to the Bill, and that was the introduction into the Colony for the first time of conscription. We agree with him, excepting that we should prefer the word "pernicious" to "interesting." The new departure may be intensely "interesting" to Government servants, who, like hospital patients, lunatics and prisoners, are excluded from the obligations sought to be imposed. Those who are compelled to serve may be forgiven if they fail to view the matter from exactly the same standpoint. Now for the other side of the picture. Major General Ridout, in seconding the first reading of the Bill, said he would like to correct the impression given by the Attorney General that the measure introduced conscription. And this is what he added:—"Military training in itself is not conscription. They could not call compulsory training in times of peace conscription." Oh, indeed! Then before the war broke out, the Germans who were compulsorily enrolled in the Army were not conscripts. Just to see what a standard dictionary had to say on the subject, we looked up the definition of conscription. Here it is:—"The compulsory enrolment of a man for military service." Is not that what the new Straits Ordinance does? Of course it is, and the attempt of General Ridout to belittle the repulsive feature of the Bill can only be regarded by all sensible people as so much camouflage. It won't wash.

There is much more in General Ridout's speech which we could comment upon, but we will content ourselves with briefly noticing two points. He has a lengthy reference to the spread of Bolshevism throughout the world, speaks of the discovery in Singapore of an organisation which preaches anarchism and the murder of all Europeans, and also talks of Chinese "ten men corps" the object of which is to upset the existing order of the world and introduce chaos. We fear that this General has rather overdrawn the picture in his keen anxiety to secure popular approval for the Bill. If Bolshevism is going to spread, it will do so whether the men of the Straits Defence Force are volunteers or conscripts. Anyhow we don't like this General's way of making our flesh creep. We are all for the creation and maintenance of auxiliary defence forces, charged with rendering aid to the regulars in times of emergency. But we believe that it is far better to leave the matter of joining up, entirely to the men themselves. Nobody serves the better for being forced. And if the need is demonstrated, we cannot believe that there will be difficulty in getting the men. Hongkong takes a far healthier and saner view of the question than Singapore. And we are glad of it.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

A FRUITLESS EFFORT.

We went to try to buy a money order yesterday afternoon but couldn't. It might have been possible if we had waited for about an hour and had joined in the jostling crowd of civilians and naval men that packed to overflowing the little office on the first floor of the Post Office building. Yesterday was obviously a special day—the naval men in Port had been paid and were anxious to remit home at the high rate of exchange prevailing. But on occasions which are not special it is not always possible to get a reasonably quick service in the money order office. The staff that is there work hard and fast enough, but the size of the staff and the accommodation generally is not sufficient to meet the requirements. It is a matter that we heartily command to the consideration of the postal authorities here. And on occasions like yesterday would not be possible to augment the staff a little? So far as we could see—and we tried to see very hard—there was the usual small staff trying to cope with the work. It was a hopeless game and if all the men waiting for attention received it before closing time then the staff deserve congratulation. But British sailors have a pretty good sense of humour and it seemed as if they were rather enjoying themselves. In a great many respects the service one usually gets at the Post Office does not call for adverse criticism. We have recollections of Post Offices that to visit usually resulted in being annoyed, but it is otherwise here. If this one particular of the Money Order Office could be remedied there would be very justifiable cause for residents to feel proud of the Office. Now, Mr. Postmaster General, it's up to you.

SIGNING ON.

Members of the old Defence Corps are already receiving their application forms for enrolment in the new Corps, although the Ordinance has only been read the first time and has yet to be discussed in Council where it will possibly receive some minor modifications. The forms are well drawn up and on them a man can state what unit he wishes to join and also what name he suggests for the new Corps. It is stated that men who were members of the Defence Corps on December 23rd last will not be required to be re-enrolled, but there is an interesting point arising out of that. It is in regard to men who left the Colony to go on service. When they left, it appeared in orders that they were given leave for the duration of the war, but could a man be a member of His Majesty's Army and a member of the Colony's auxiliary force at the same time? Men who did come back were not asked to resume service with the Defence Corps, and so far as we know, it was never definitely given out by the authorities whether a man just demobilised and still on His Majesty's Regular Reserve was still deemed to be a member of the Defence Corps. It is only a technical point, it is true, but it is a point that is fairly often discussed among the men concerned. There is an incentive to join early, because it is stated that members of the new Corps will be given regimental numbers as far as possible according to the order in which their applications are received. Who will have the distinction of being No. 1? We know of one young man who, by his prompt return of the form, has made a pretty good bid for it.

A MESSAGE FROM MARS?

According to Marconi it is just possible that one of the other planets is trying to communicate with the earth by means of wireless. It is a suggestion of his to explain some mysterious sounds that have been picked up all over the earth. Of course, it may be, but the thing seems hardly possible. Scientists, who have been speculating for years as regards the nature of the ether beyond our own world's atmosphere, will possibly be asking what was the conveying medium of any electrical waves that have travelled millions of miles to us. One could romance very picturesquely regarding Marconi's theory. It's a theme that H.G. Wells or the late Jules Verne would have delighted in. We might possibly be having the columns of our daily newspapers giving telegraphic accounts of the latest political struggle in the cities of Mars or of Jupiter, and there might be some interesting scandal stories flashed around the solar system. Yes, one could certainly romance all right; but we leave our readers to draw upon their

DAY BY DAY.

LEARN TO WORK—LEARN THAT IS, TO BE HAPPY.—Alerand Dumas.

Owing to the influenza epidemic, the Diocesan Boys' School is at present closed down.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club takes place to-morrow at the City Hall at noon.

The report of the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald's sermon on "Crookedness and Incompleteness" is held over until to-morrow.

Much interest will be centred in the meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co. Ltd., which is to be held on the 18th instant.

One year's hard labour was to-day inflicted on the armed Chinese who was captured by Sergeant Cockle in an opium divan at Praya East. The following were the times recorded:

TRAINING TIMES.

THIS MORNING'S GALLOPS.

With the approach of the last week before the actual racing takes place, it is only natural that a growing interest should be manifested in the work that is done at the Valley in the early mornings. This morning there was a good crowd present and the cold clear weather was ideal for training. Both courses were in use, but the grass track, which was in very fine condition, was very much favoured. Many ponies were only sent for short bursts, prior to longer gallops to-morrow. The following were the times recorded:

Gentle Cat.—37.25: 1.12.35: 1.44.35.

Louza.—32.15: 1.03.

Sunatra Chief.—32: 1.03.35.

Alaska Chief.—32: 1.05.1.

Burny.—35: 1.09: 1.41.

Burny Daylight.—34.25: 1.07.

1.40.

Shamrock Dahlia.—36.25: 1.12.25: 1.49.25: 2.22.35.

Cigar Box.—34: 1.08: 1.43.

Sandmurtin.—34: 1.08: 1.42.15.

Algerian Chief.—37.35: 1.09.

Champion Dahlia.—37.25: 1.14: 1.50: 2.24: 2.56.

Colinton.—36.25: 1.07: 1.44: 2.16.

Attraction Dahlia.—38.25: 1.13: 3.5: 1.47: 2.18.25.

Trumpet.—33.25: 1.07.35: 1.41.3.5.

Kipper and Rochester.—35.25: 1.13: 1.49.35: 2.24.

Sovereign Dahlia.—36.35: 1.12.35: 1.45: 2.17.25.

Tredegar and Trevelyan.—37.15: 1.11.25: 1.44.15.

Nuford and Dunford.—34.35: 1.06.25: 1.42.15.

Hongkong Chief.—40.45: 1.20: 2.5: 1.54: 2.25.3.5.

Sandy.—33.35: 1.08.35: 1.42: 2.13.

Mighty King.—32: 1.02.

Purity Dahlia.—34: 1.07.25: 1.42.

Cornet.—37.15: 1.13.15: 1.48.

Eclipse Dahlia.—37.25: 1.14: 1.48: 2.22: 2.55.15.

El Dorado.—35: 1.08.25: 1.47.

Albion Dahlia.—35: 1.11.25: 1.47.25: 2.21: 2.55.

Bayford and Wakeford.—39: 1.13: 1.45.3.5.

Charles.—37.25: 1.10.25: 1.47: 4.5: 2.21.

Dunmore Dahlia.—35.25: 1.10: 1.43.3.5: 2.16.

Target.—37: 1.10.25: 1.43.8.5.

Blackbird Dahlia.—36.15: 1.11: 3.5: 1.43.3.5.

Uncle and Pawnshop.—36: 1.10: 1.42.3.5.

Geordie Mac.—38: 1.11.

Craigmount and Rysa.—37.35: 1.13: 1.46.

Someman.—36.25: 1.11: 1.46: 2.18.25.

Brilliant Dahlia.—35: 1.10: 1.45: 2.19.4.5.

Whee Mouse.—36: 1.11: 1.42.25.

Seaman.—42: 1.20.35: 1.57: 2.30.

THE Y.M.C.A.

ITS PROGRESS IN CHINA.

Mr. Fletcher S. Brockman, Associate General Secretary of the International Y.M.C.A., arrived in the Colony yesterday from the North, accompanied by Mr. David Z. T. Yui, National Secretary of the Chins Association and Mr. Arthur Rugh, who also is connected with the latter organisation.

The arrival of Mr. Brockman brings to mind the marvellous progress which the movement has attained in China and of which he has been the leading figure.

Since the inception of the Association in China, twenty-five years ago, Mr. Brockman was until five years ago, when he transferred his energies to the Association's pressing work in America and France, closely associated with its activities, with the result that at the present date there are no fewer than 28 City Associations similar to the one in Hongkong, and also 160 others in various Colleges and Schools in China with a total membership of close upon 40,000.

The budget of the Association in China for last year amounted to half a million dollars. Some indication of the rapid increase in membership in China may be gained from the fact that there are now no less than 300 Secretaries, whereas twenty-five years ago Mr. Brockman was the only Secretary. The most encouraging part of the work is the growth of Chinese leadership in the movement. During the last eight years the number of Chinese Secretaries has increased from 50 to 240, as compared with the number of foreign Secretaries which has increased from 50 to 70. This staff is led by Mr. David Yui as National General Secretary, who succeeded Dr. C. T. Wang to the post a few years ago. Dr. Wang's immediate predecessor is Mr. Brockman from whom he took over the National Secretaryship five years ago when the latter left for the United States. To the untiring efforts of these three men the great growth of the Association may be ascribed.

Mr. Brockman now returns on a three months' visit to the Associations in China after a lengthy absence, during which he was leading the work in America and in the war zones of Europe. The object of his visit to China is to assist in extending the work of the association in the larger cities, and in the National Convention of the Y.M.C.A. of China, which will be held at Tientsin in April, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the work in China. Among the various branch associations which the party have visited were those of Amoy and Foochow, which were the last places they stopped at prior to coming to Hongkong. They are now staying at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters before proceeding to Canton.

A reception was held at the Headquarters yesterday afternoon, at which many members of the various English missions attended. In the evening an address was delivered by Mr. Brockman to the students. In the course of his remarks, he stated that since he was last in Hongkong, about five years ago, he had had some remarkable experiences in connection with the war in Europe. He was glad that Dr. Wang was here recently and had told them of his experiences in Paris. He (Mr. Brockman) was together with Dr. Wang a number of months in Paris and they had seen how terrible were the ravages of war, which could not hardly be realised to the full extent by the students of the Association in this peaceful corner of the globe. He then spoke of the political liberty which had been won by many countries of Europe as a consequence of the war. He warned his audience of another kind of slavery which, until its fetters could be shaken off, prevented a man from saying with truth that he was a free man. He referred to harmful habits into which men could very easily fall.

Mr. Yui followed Mr. Brockman with an address in Chinese.

We understand that the programme of addresses to be given by Mr. Brockman, is to include one at the University on Wednesday night.

FOOTBALL.

U.S. LEAGUE MATCH.

One of the finest games of football that has been played this season even including the Hongkong Club and Navy match, was witnessed on the Navy ground at Happy Valley yesterday. The teams were H.M.S. Hawkins and Ambrose "A." This is the first League match that the Hawkins has taken part in, and therefore a great deal of interest was aroused amongst the naval men of all ships. Both teams were practically at full strength, with the exception that Lieut. Bonham Carter was missing from the Hawkins team, and E.R.A. Chambers, the outside right of the Ambrose team, who is laid up with a bad knee was also missing.

The teams lined up as follows:

Hawkins.—Keegarnart; Edwards and Humphreys; Willis, Wilson and Morgan; Webb, Harris, Dawes, Stewart and Cunliffe.

Ambrose.—Winstanley; Woodroffe and Hobbs; Bath, Sargent and Hodge; Beardall, Roach, Downs, Marshall, and Truss. The referee was Mr. Skinner, of the Carlisle.

The game started in a sensational manner, the Hawkins kicking off and sailing away down the ground. The outside man in trying to find, and while the goalie was attempting to clear, Harris stepped in, and, seizing the opportunity, drove the ball into the net. Some of the spectators thought that the player had handled the ball, and that the goal should not have been allowed, but the referee did not see anything amiss, so the goal counted. No sooner had the Ambrose kicked off than Downs, the centre-forward, sent the ball out to Beardall on the right wing. This player, taking the ball well down, sent it in a pretty centre, which Downs at once nipped on to, sending a good shot in which hit one of the backs of the Hawkins, and then deflected into the net. Eight minutes of the game had gone and the score was one goal each. This was very swift work, and it was soon to be seen that the game was going to be a fast one. The Ambrose again got on the move, the wing man, Beardall, playing a rattling game, but the Hawkins was well served by the left back, Edwards, who played the game of a full back to perfection. Whenever the ball was anywhere near the Hawkins' goal, which was often, Edwards was there to meet it and clear. Harris, the inside man of the left wing of the Hawkins, got on the move, but spoiled a nice bit of work by driving well over top. Half time arrived with the score one goal each.

On resuming, the Hawkins seemed, if anything, a little the superior, but it was a very fast game and there was plenty of give and take on both sides. Cunliffe then started a move on the right wing, sending in a centre to perfection, but Dawes misjudged his kick and the ball went sailing over to the Jockey Club pavilion. The Ambrose then had a good try to get the lead and on one or two occasions seemed on the point of scoring another goal, but Edwards was still there. A low ground shot was sent in shortly afterwards by Harris, the goalie falling full length to save it. This he did by putting the ball round the post. Full time came with no further scoring taking place, the draw being the proper finish to one of the best matches played as yet this season.

After seeing the individual play of Winstanley, Downs, Beardall and Woodroffe, of the Ambrose; also Edwards, Wilson, Harris and Cunliffe, of the Hawkins, one cannot help wondering why some of the players have not been seen more in the Navy representative matches. One could hear these remarks passed amongst the spectators, and I am of the firm conviction that a team of Navy players could be selected that would want some beating. A word of praise is due to the splendid and efficient way that Mr. Skinner performed his duties as referee; he was very smart in his decisions and always very fair.

OLD BIRD.

DOGS TO TRACK THIEVES.

Owing to the number of burglaries in Nottingham, the police are using specially-trained Airedale terriers in tracking the criminals. There is an epidemic of robberies in the city. Five houses in one street were recently broken into the same night. The robberies are aided by the fact that the city is plunged in darkness after eleven o'clock.

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Preparations are now being made in the Cathedral compound to build a Hall, where Sunday School classes, meetings, entertainments, choir practices, etc., can be held. The want of such a hall has long been felt. For the erection and furnishing at least \$40,000 are required. Subscriptions will be found a list of donations received up to date. The Hon. Treasurer of the Cathedral is Mr. George Hogg, of the International Banking Corporation, who will be glad to receive any sum large or small for this fund.

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THE MARATHON.

A HEAVY ENTRY LIST.

The following is a complete analysis of the entries for the above race. The list closed on Saturday last, as follows:—

Civilians	13
H.K. Police	1
H.M.S. "Hawkins"	24
Caribee	4
Alacrity	1
Submarines	6
H.G.A.	1
Wistaria	51
73rd Punjab	17
2 22nd Punjab	6
H.K.S.B.R.G.A.	17

This number includes five British officers, also Inspector H. R. Wood, of the Sanitary Department, runner-up in the 1918 Marathon, one Japanese and three Chinese. Full information on all outstanding questions connected with the Race will be duly published in the Press.

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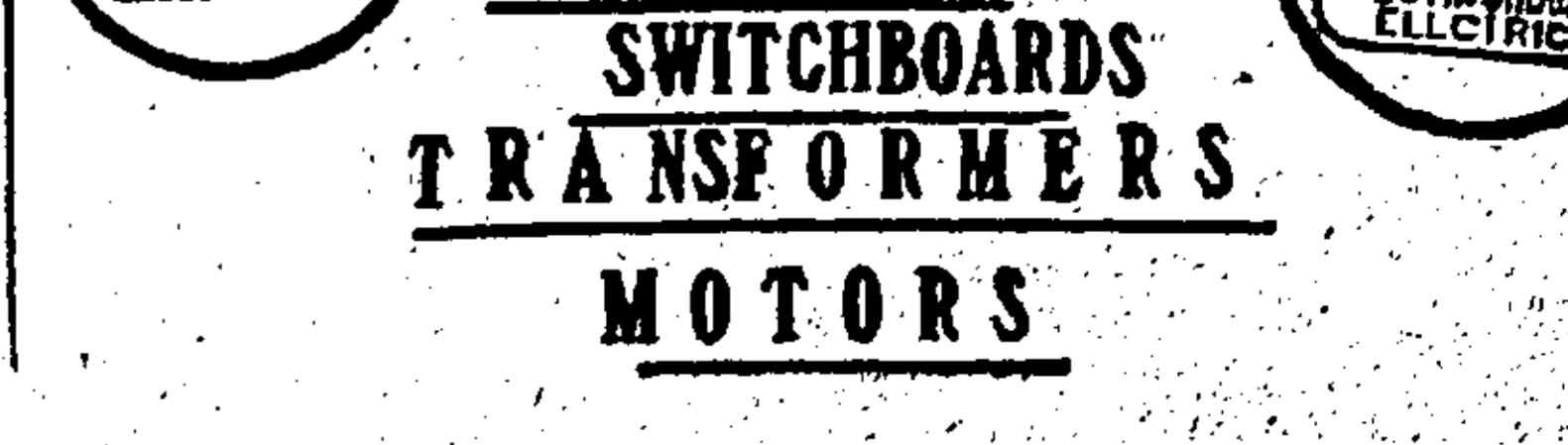
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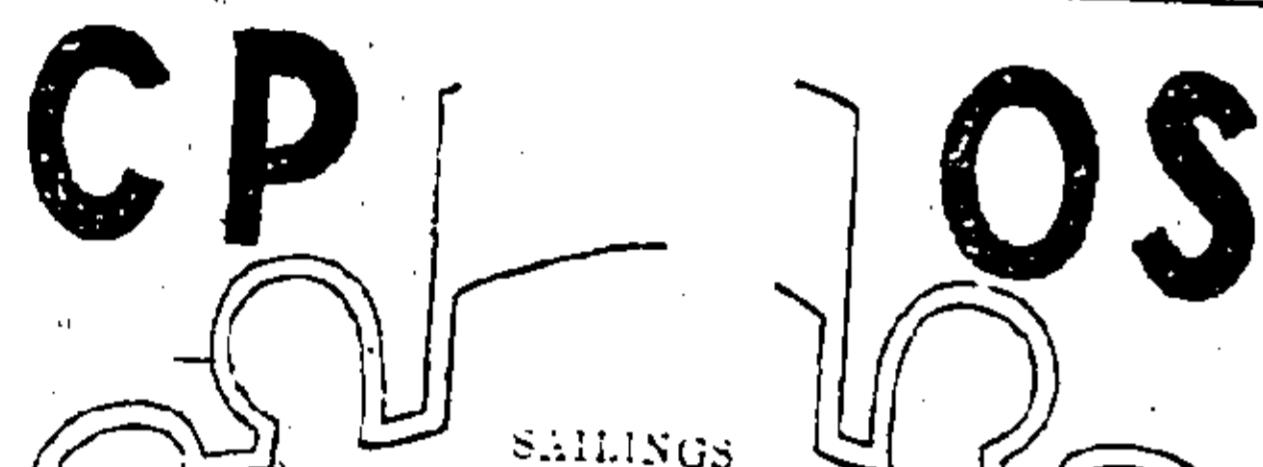
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 "MITSUKI MARU" ... Thursday, 5th Feb.
 "MADRAS MARU" ... Sunday, 22nd Feb.
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER—Victoria via Shantung, Keelung, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi & Yokohama.
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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

STEAMER	SAILING DATE
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"ARIOSTO" ... via Suez 15th February.

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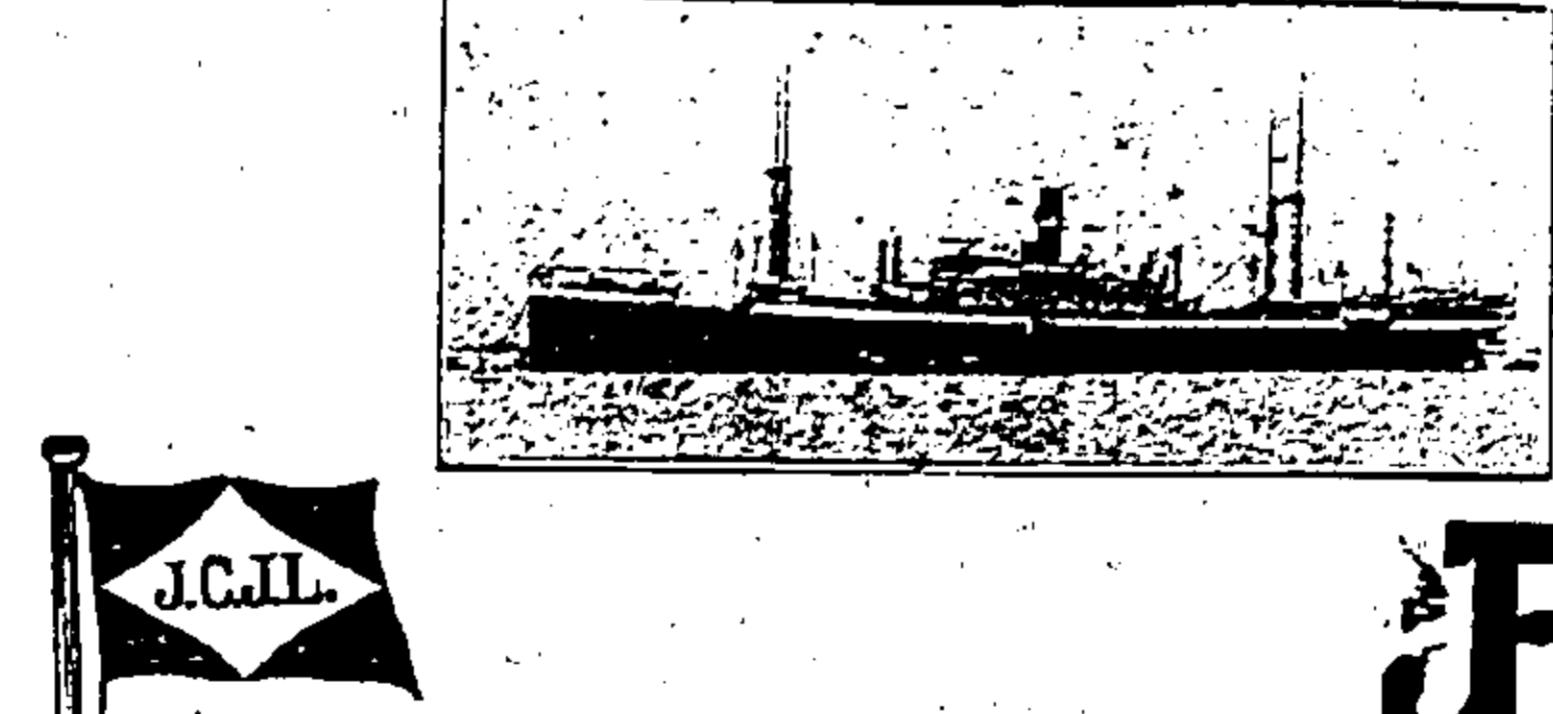
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Tjisondari	Japan	10th Feb.	12th Feb.	Java
Tjilatjap ...	Java	10th Feb.	—	—
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOTOMI M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 16th Jan., and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SHINYO M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 18th Jan., and is expected here on the 6th Feb.

The Ben Line s.s. BEN-LOMOND from Middlesbrough & London left Singapore for this port on 27th instant and may be expected to arrive here on or about 4th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SHIMPO M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port via the 23rd Jan., and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The P. & O. s.s. ITOLA left Singapore for this Port on the 24th instant at 5 p.m. and is due here on the 5th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez Canal on the 10th Jan., and is expected here on the 18th Feb.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE arrived at Yokohama on January 27th, left there January 28th and is due at Vancouver on February 10th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSHIN M. (

FORECLOSING A MORTGAGE.
A SHIP SEIZED.

In the Supreme Court to-day the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies K.C., had before him an application regarding a mortgage on a Chinese steamer. Plaintiffs were the China Hong Nin Life Insurance Company and Li Sing-ku, Secretary of the Company, and the steamer the *Me Hon*. The claim was for \$144,910.85, being principal and interest of the mortgage and payment made for wages and insurance.

Mr. C.G. Alabaster, Q.B.E., instructed by Mr. J. Hall, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiffs. There was no appearance on behalf of the owners of the ship.

Mr. Alabaster said this was an Admiralty action of closure of a "mortgage" on a ship for non-payment of the principal sum and interest and certain expenses that the mortgagors had been put to. There had been no appearance entered on behalf of the owners, and there was a certificate of non-appearance on the file. An order was made on January 9th, that the plaintiffs should be at liberty to proceed to trial *ex parte* in default of appearance. On 5th December, 1918, a mortgage was entered into between the plaintiff and the defendants under which the plaintiffs were to lend the owners of this ship the sum of \$60,000 down and further sums not to exceed \$150,000 altogether as required. Under that mortgage the sum of \$130,000 was lent. They did not require the balance. On the third of May 1919 defendants wrote an acknowledgement of the debt to the plaintiffs. On 25th October last year the second plaintiff, who was also the Secretary of the first plaintiff, the Company, gave a month's notice, as required by the mortgage, calling in the principal. November 24th was the date for repayment, and there was a condition requiring a month's notice of payment or calling in.

The money was not paid, plaintiffs entered into possession of the ship, and proceedings were instituted for closure of the mortgage. Plaintiffs, since taking possession, had incurred certain expenses of upkeep of the ship, and he, Mr. Alabaster, tendered a schedule showing how these expenses, constituting the balance of the claim, were made up. There were further payments since the issue of the writ which brought up the total indebtedness to \$145,339.18. Plaintiffs were entitled to keep the ship going, subject to liability to account for the profits.

The Secretary of the plaintiff Company gave evidence stating that the owners of ship had absconded. Witness desired that the ship be sold by public auction.

His Lordship:—Is there any other mortgage?

Mr. Alabaster:—There is.
His Lordship:—You are the first mortgagor?
Mr. Alabaster:—We are.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs with costs but subject to reference to the Registrar of the statement of expenses incurred since the issue of the writ. His Lordship ordered the ship to be sold by auction by the Bailiffs, proceeds to be paid into court. Plaintiffs were given liberty to apply in the case of any question arising.

FROM PARIS.

JAPANESE PEACE DELEGATES HERE.

An event of unusual interest to the local Japanese community is the arrival in the Colony of Mr. Ijuin, Japanese Ambassador to Rome, and one of the principal delegates to the Peace Conference.

Mr. Ijuin arrived in the Colony by the N.Y.K. s.s. Shidzuoka Maru this morning, on his way to Yokohama. He is on leave of absence after three years of hard work for his Government in Europe. With him are Mr. K. Uchida, Vice-Minister of Communications, and his son, Mr. M. Uchida, who have been on an unofficial tour in Europe. Capt. K. Hidaka, who was attached as military officer to the Peace Delegation, is also with the party.

The Japanese community gave a luncheon to-day at the Hongkong Hotel in their honour. There were present Consul Suzuki, Admiral K. Yoshida, C.B., and the various heads of the Japanese business firms.

The party leaves to-morrow morning for Japan by the Shidzuoka Maru.

RECENT FIRE.
ENQUIRY AT THE MAGISTRACY.

An enquiry was held at the Magistracy this afternoon into the circumstances of the fire which broke out recently in No. 99, Des Voeux Road West, a fourstoreyed house occupied by the Yu Fat Lung rice firm, and which caused damage to the rice, which was covered by insurance for \$39,000 with several insurance companies.

Mr. D. J. Lewis appeared on behalf of the insurance companies, brought and Mr. A. H. Crewe appeared for Yu Fat Lung firm.

A partner of the firm deposed that the whole building, with the exception of the front part of the top storey, which was occupied by an office, was used for storing rice. The fire broke out in the night, and witness stated that the folks of the firm slept in the house which was lighted up by electric lamps. They were given instructions to use every precaution.

The enquiry is proceeding.

H.M.S. CAIRO.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

A further addition to the China Squadron arrived in port to-day, namely, H.M.S. Cairo. She is of the same class as the Carlisle and the Colombo, both of which are familiar to us all.

The Cairo is the flagship of Rear Admiral George H. Borrett, C.B., who commands the 5th Light Squadron, and she has come out from Home on her first commission to China waters. She left Singapore on January 30th.

BRITISH JUSTICE.

Commenting on the procedure and judgement in its recent libel action, the *North China Star* says: "The only regrets we have with regard to yesterday's case are that there were not more English speaking Chinese present, as it would have been for them a first class and first-hand example of the rigid justice and fairplay which is traditional in all British Courts of Justice."

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong:—

Berry Seamen's Institute, from London.

Charles Hugo, Carlton Hotel, from New York.

Dean Palmer Gacanpac, from Saranac Lake.

Dr. Shelton, St. Georges Hotel, from Shanghai.

Ethel Mathews, from Singapore.

Haxton, Chartered Bank, from St. Moritz.

Hopwick, from Chia-ssu.

Ibsister Swire, from Gourock.

Jenkins, C/o China Overseas Trading Co., from London.

Lascars, from Seattle Washington.

Purcell, Astor Hotel, from Seattle.

Jacques Habib, from Paris.

Reiffeld U. S. Consul, from Berlin, Germany.

D. de H. Farrant, Superintendent, Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1920.

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The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Jonas, Passenger Kitano Maru, from Kobe.

Kuengipoo, Oriental Hotel, from Shanghai.

Sasons (3), from Yokohama.

Critchley, Care Canadian Pacific from Shanghai.

Keeshinghing, from Amoy.

Kaineur, from Kobe.

Kwonghangyick, from Kobe.

Bamberger, American Consulate, from Tientsin.

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T. Krings, Superintendent, Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1920.

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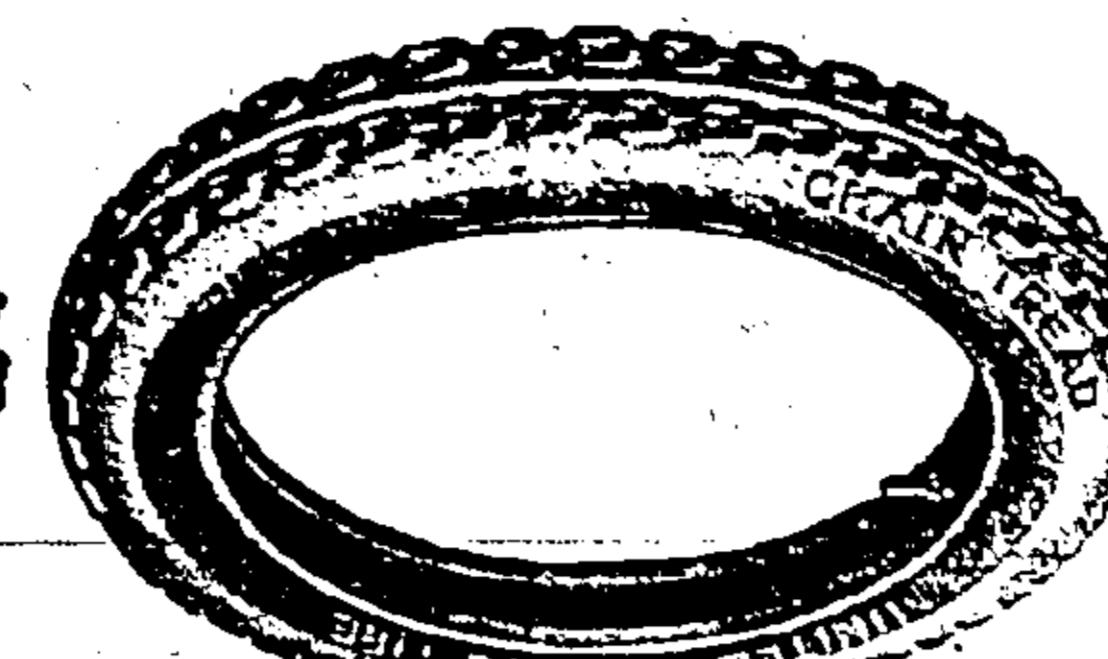
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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 16th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1920.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 9th inst. at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1920.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the above named Company will be closed from Friday the 6th day of February 1920 to Monday the 16th day of February 1920 both days inclusive.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1920.

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Shareholders are reminded that a Second Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company (Notice of which was duly given on the 13th day of January, 1920) will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday the 16th day of February, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming as Special Resolutions the resolutions set out underneath which were duly passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 23rd day of January, 1920, viz.:

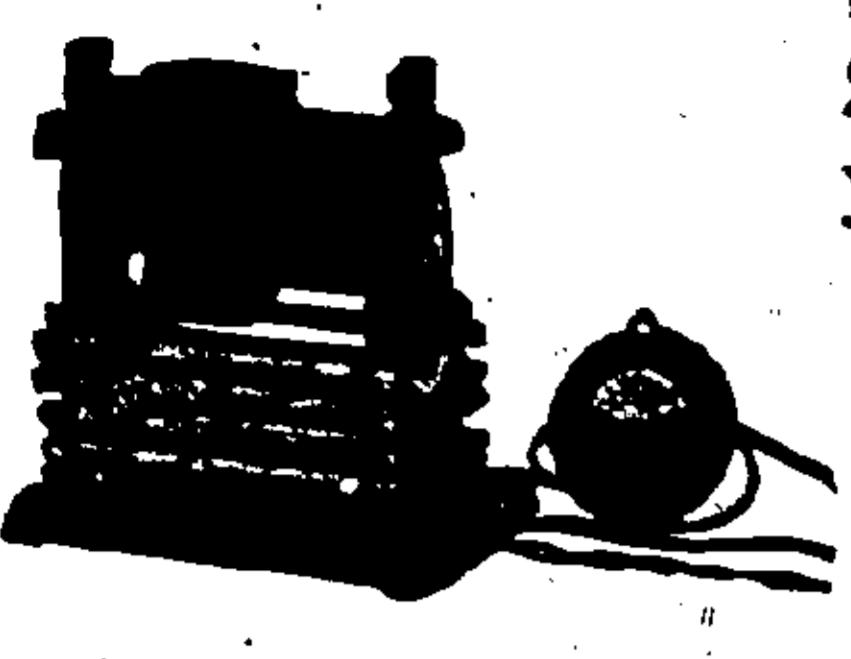
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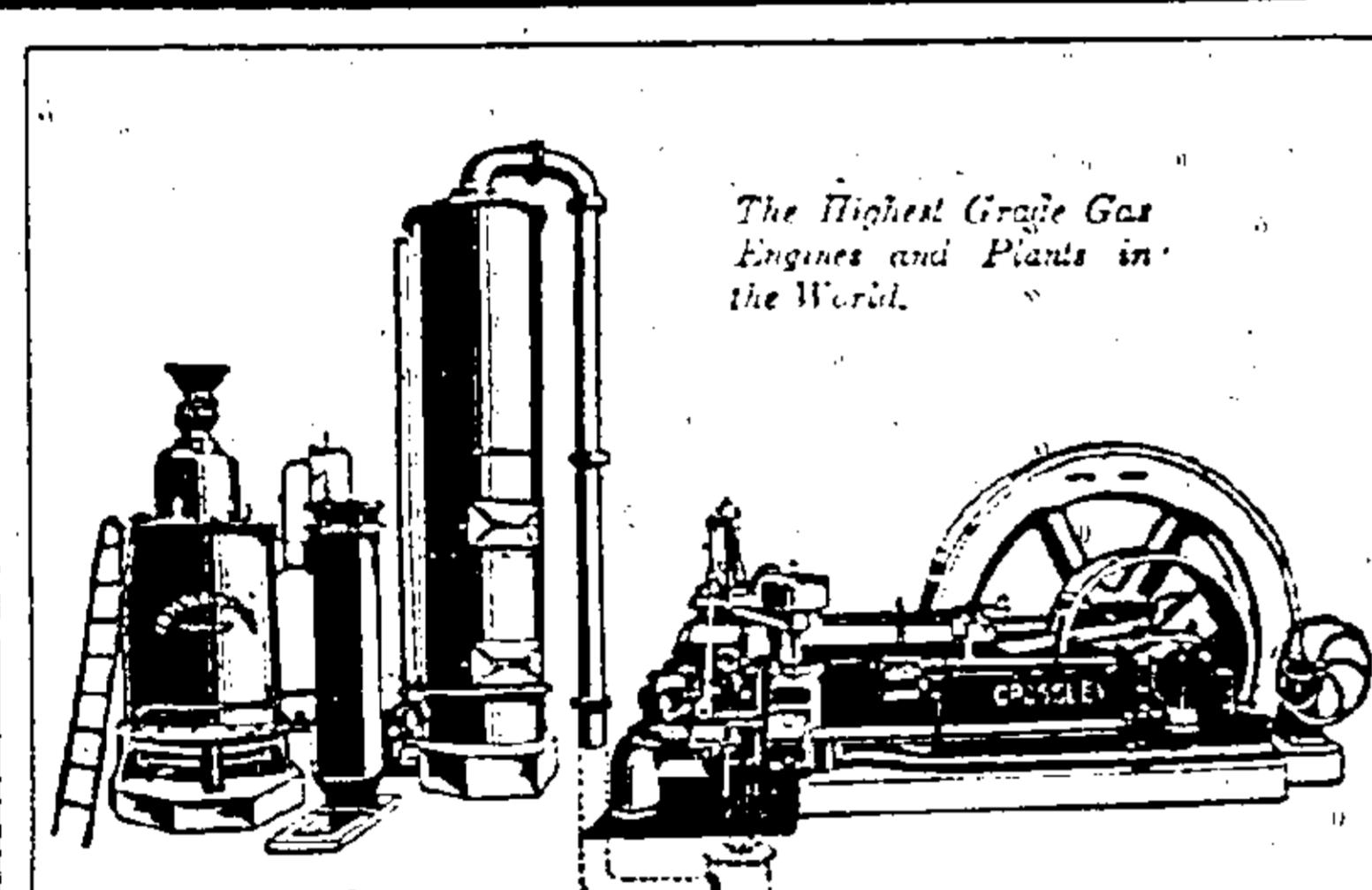
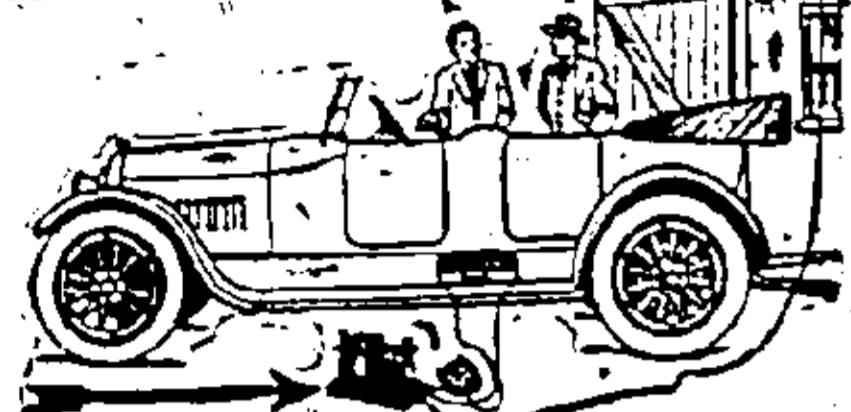
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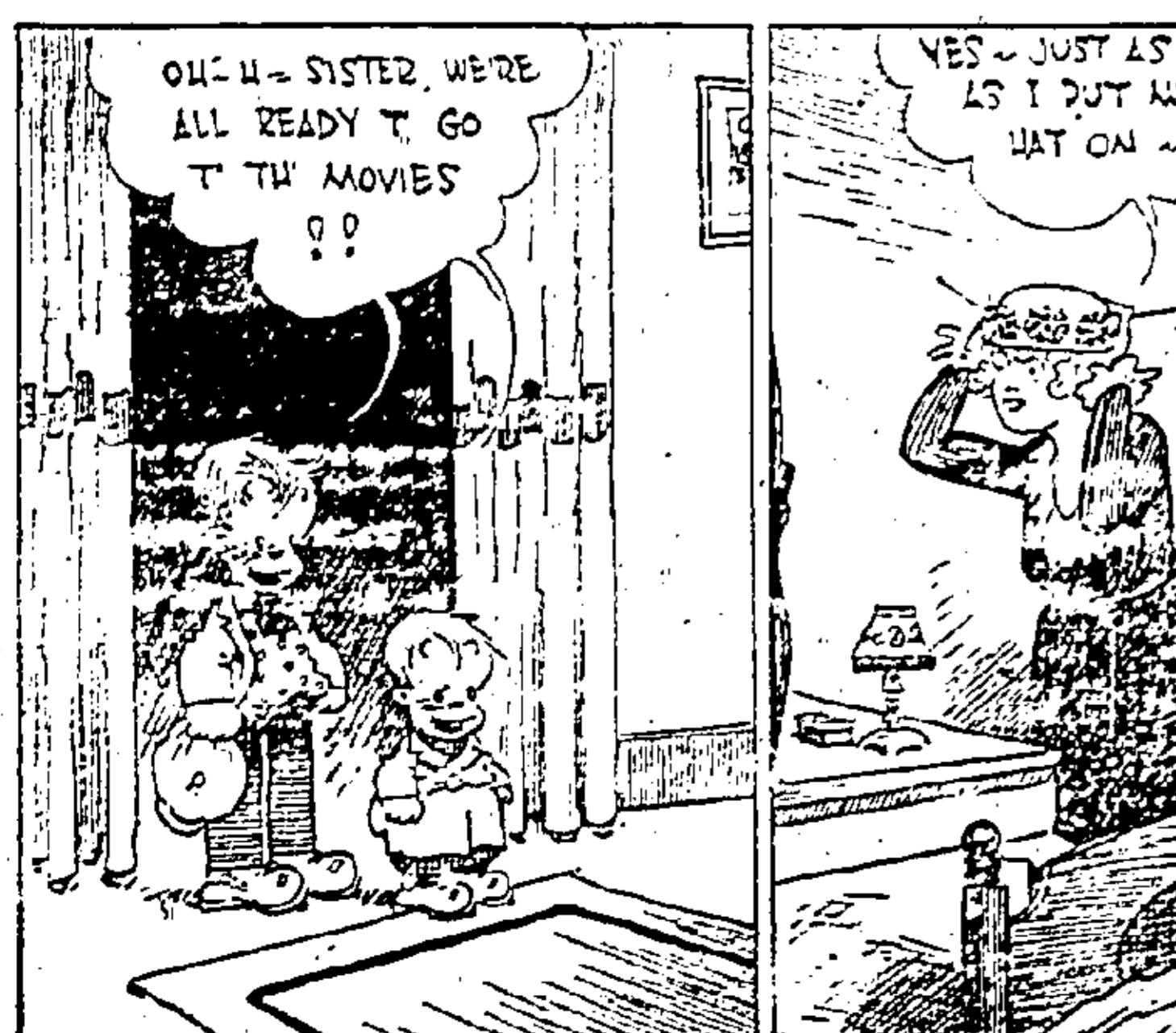
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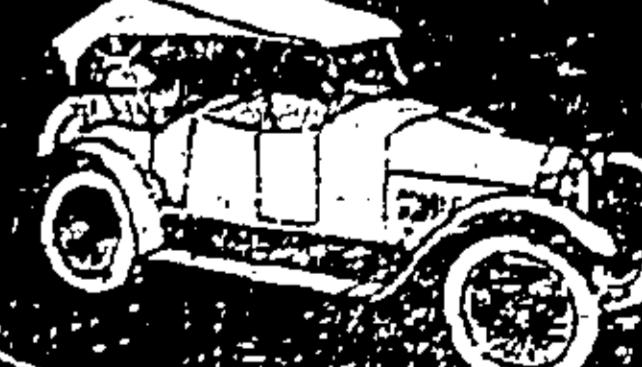


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Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 6
Bessie Dollar	R. D. Co.	Feb. 6
St. Albans	P. & O.	Feb. 6
Gregory A.	P. & O.	Feb. 6
West Jena	S. & D.	Feb. 9
Suveric	B. L.	Feb. 10
Matoppo	B. L.	Feb. 10
Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 10
Toroma M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 10
Somali	P. & O.	Feb. 11
Nagayo	P. & O.	Feb. 13
West Harts	R. D. Co.	Feb. 14
Moorish Prince	S. T. Co.	Feb. 15
Crosskeys	A. L.	Feb. 15
Atlas M.	O. S. K.	Feb. 15
Ariosto	B. L.	Feb. 15
Dilwara	P. & O.	Feb. 16
West Isan	S. & D.	M. of Feb.
Ceylon M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Feb.
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 18
Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 20
Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 21
Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 22
Madras M.	O. S. K.	Feb. 22
Korea M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 23
Whestland	A. L.	Feb. 24
Africa M.	O. S. K.	Feb. 25
Veizuela	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
Lake Fielding	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
Changsha	B. & S.	Feb. 25
Eastern	P. & O.	Feb. 28
Hakata M.	N. Y. K.	E. Feb.
Colorado Springs	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Canada M.	O. S. K.	E. Feb.
Hathaway	S. & D.	E. Feb.
West Ivis	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Tottori M.	N. Y. K.	E. Feb.
Tajima M.	N. Y. K.	B. of Mar.
Nile	C. M. Co.	Mar. 2
Melville	D. R. D. Co.	Mar. 8
Tenyu M.	T. K. K.	Mar. 11
E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 11
Western Cross	A. L.	M. Mar.
Endicot	A. L.	Mar. 16
Fushimi M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Harold D.	R. D. Co.	Mar. 21
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Mar. 23
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 23
Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 24
Charlton Hall	B. L.	Mar. 25
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 29
Elkton	A. L.	Mar. 30
Sagaparak	A. L.	E. Mar.
Shinjo M.	T. K. K.	Apr. 1
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Apr. 1
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 13
Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	July 12

JAPAN, COAST PORTS, ETC.

Shuntien	B. & S.	Feb. 3
Liangchow	B. & S.	Feb. 3
Hopsang	J. M. C.	Feb. 3
Itola	P. & O.	Feb. 3
Loksan	J. M. Co.	Feb. 4
Chaksang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 4
Dilwara	P. & O.	Feb. 4
Shimpo M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 4
Tenshi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 4
Siam	O. S. K.	Feb. 4
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 4
Haiching	D. & Co.	Feb. 5
Tajima M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 5
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Feb. 5
Linan	B. & S.	Feb. 5
Totomi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 5
Quinnneburg	D. L. Co.	Feb. 6
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 6
Takada	P. & O.	Feb. 6
Yingchow	J. M. Co.	Feb. 7
Ch. yang	B. & S.	Feb. 7
Kaijo M.	O. S. K.	Feb. 8
Fookong	J. M. Co.	Feb. 9
Taming	B. & S.	Feb. 10
Haihong	D. L. Co.	Feb. 10
Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 12
Tjisondari	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 12
Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 13
Unnan M.	O. S. K.	Feb. 18
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 24
Banni M.	D. & Co.	Feb. 28

A LADY CHANCELLOR?

Miss Jex-Blake, Principal of Girton College, Cambridge, speaking at a prize distribution at Blackheath Girls' High School, said she looked forward to the time when the legal profession would be open to girls. It might be that she was addressing a future Lady Lord Chancellor.

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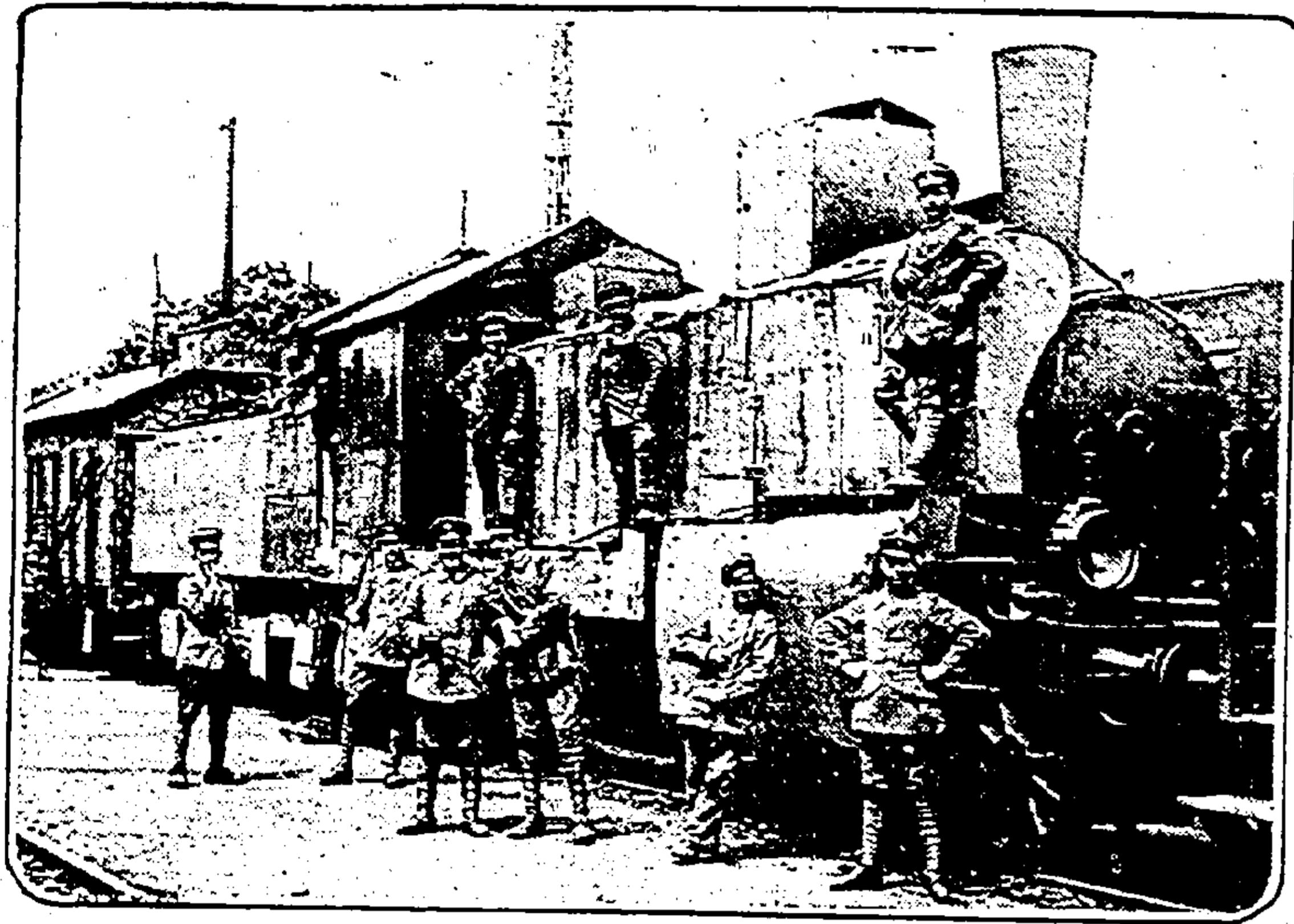
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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



An armoured train which the Germans have recently been using against the Poles on the Upper Silesian front.



James Larkin, Irish agitator and Liverpool dock strike leader, who was arrested in New York recently and held without bail charged with criminal anarchy.



The new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Edward Cooper (right); the former Lord Mayor, Sir Horace Marshall (left).



Georges Carpentier, the French champion boxer, taken a few days before his great victory. He is shown spending his Saturday shopping in Stanmore village, England.



MME. JAIME DE VEYRA

This Filipino lady is now in the States, engaged on propaganda work on behalf of her race.



Miss Jose Collins, the stage and film star, whose engagement to Col. Frederick H. Wickham, C.M.G., D.S.C., has aroused much interest in Society circles.



County Clare, Ireland, patrolled by tanks and armoured cars owing to Sinn Fein attacks. Photo: One of the armoured cars passing Ennis Bridge.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



A Report Every Day is Over Doing It—

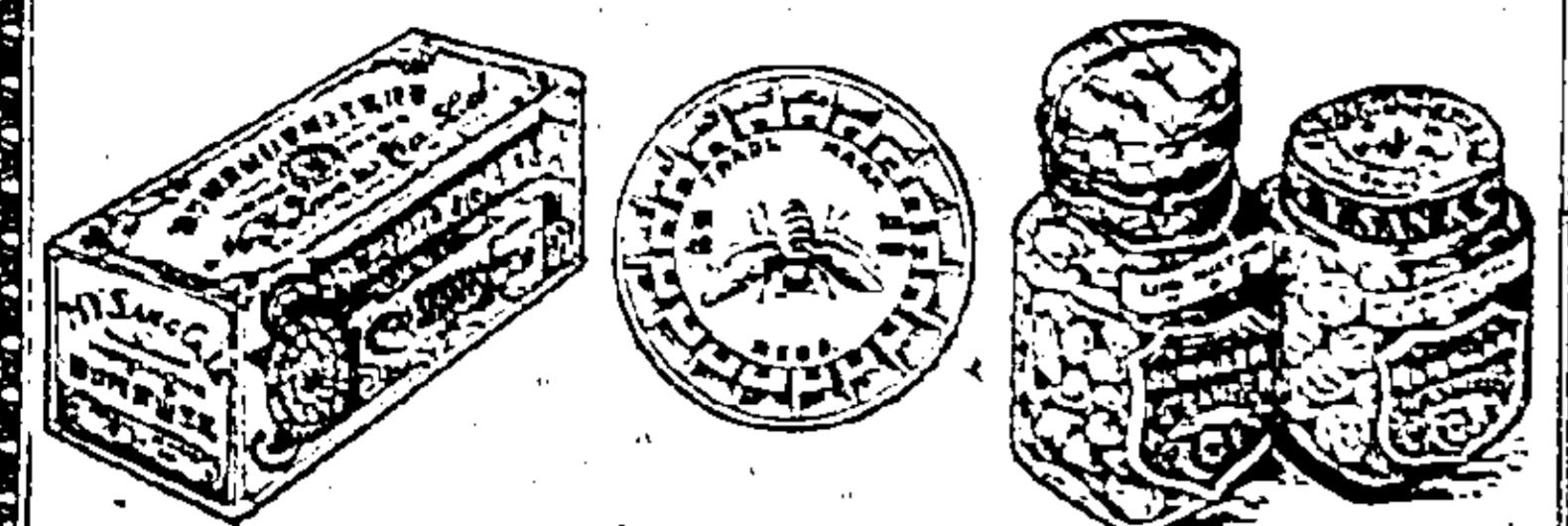
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Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th prox. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 20th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd prox at 10 a.m. by Goddard & Doug as.

"No Fire Insurance has been effected."

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1920

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Consignees per Co.'s Steamer

"HYSON" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godowns on and after 2nd February.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th February will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 23rd February, or they will not be recognized.

"No Fire Insurance will be effected."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agent:

Hongkong, 1st February, 1919.

CRIMES IN SIBERIA.

The *Hechi* learns that the Japanese soldiers in Siberia are committing various crimes. Especially is this the case with those of the 14th Division. Each transport arriving at Tsuruga from Vladivostok is bringing several soldiers charged with theft, disobedience and other offences. Colonel Okinawa, in charge of the gendarmerie corps at Tsuruga, stated that the majority of the men are charged with stealing fowls, eggs, etc., from the Russian people. For such offences the men are subjected to six months' confinement under the military law now in force.

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The BENLOMOND, from London consigned 4,000 tons of through and 1,400 tons of direct cargo yesterday. Her agents are Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

From Bombay the P. and O. vessel DILWARA, delivered 3,500 tons of through and 500 tons of direct cargo. She reports experiencing fine weather.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

The LOONGSANG, arrived yesterday with she carried 103 Filipinos and Japanese 1,770 tons of cargo from Manila.—Mooring, C 35.

From Haiphong the PHRAN-ANG, under the agency of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, brought 450 bundles of mats.—Mooring, B 11.

Rice to the extent of 850 tons was consigned here yesterday by the HANNIN, from Haiphong.—Mooring, C 17.

The French vessel TA TOA-TSE also brought a cargo of rice and flour (900 tons). She came from Saigon.—Mooring, C 45.

The Dutch steamer TJKINI, arrived in the Colony this morning from Sourabaya with 4,025 tons of sugar.—Mooring, B 12.

Salt to the extent of 1,850 tons was carried by the Norwegian boat SELUN, from Goosam.

From Keelung the O. S. K. TEIKEI MARU, brought 1,046 tons of coal.—Mooring, B 30.

The M. B. K.'s CHOFU MARU, also delivered coal (1,551 tons).—Mooring, C 34.

From Kobe the O. S. K.'s vessel SIAM MARU, arrived yesterday with 6,016 tons of general merchandise.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

POST OFFICE.

The insured parcel post service to the province of Szechuan is suspended until further notice.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAIls.

Japan—Per TENSINKI M., 3rd Feb.; Japan—Per ST. ALBANS, 3rd Feb.; Bombay—Per TOTOMI M., 4th Feb.; Shanghai—Per ICHANG, 4th Feb.; Japan—Per GREGORY APCAR, 4th Feb.; Shanghai—Per SANGOLA, 4th Feb.; Bombay—Per SHINYO M., 6th Feb.; Straits—Per AMALONE, 4th Feb.; Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 6th Feb., 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 6th Feb., 8:15 a.m.; Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 6th Feb., 11 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Burmat, and India via Calcutta—Per GREGORY APCAR, 26th Feb., noon.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONG-SANG, 23rd Feb., 2 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 6th Feb., 4:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 7th Feb., 1:15 p.m.; Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 7th Feb., 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 7th Feb., 4:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 8th Feb., 8:15 a.m.; Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 8th Feb., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 10th Feb., noon.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 10th Feb., 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 12th Feb., 11 a.m.

OUTWARD MAIls.

TO-MORROW.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 4th Feb., 8:15 a.m.; Fort Bayard—Per SHUNSHING, 4th Feb., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VICTORIA—Per SUWA M., 4th Feb., Reg. 8:55 a.m. Letters 9:30 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per SHIDZUOKA M., 4th Feb., 10 a.m.

Saigon—Per PAOTING, 4th Feb., 11 a.m.

Hai Phong—Per HANOI, 4th Feb., 1 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, L. Marques, India via Dhanushkodi, and Bombay—Per SIAM MARU, 4th Feb., 3 p.m.

Saigon—Per TATOUTSE, 4th Feb., 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 4th Feb., 4:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 5th Feb., 8:15 a.m.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

Banks.
H.K. & S. Banks s. \$550
Marine Insurances.

Cantons b. 390
North Chinas n. t. 160
Unions s. 180
Yangtzeas n. 260
Far Easterns n. t. 22

Fire Insurances.

China Fires n. 138
S. E. Fires s. 310

Shipping.

Douglas b. 89
Steamboats b. 204 s. 22
Indies (Pref.) n. 20
Indies (Def.) n. 210
Shells s. 270/
Ferries s. 29

Refineries.

Sugars sa. 201
Malabons s. 47

Mining.

Kailans s. 140/
Langkats n. t. 14

Shai Explorations.

Raubs n. 1
Tronhs n. 42/6
Ural Caspians n. 30/

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H.K. Wharves b. 87
K. Docks b. 145 s. 150
Shai Docks n. t. 110
N. Engineerings b. t. 28

Lands, Hotels & Buildings.

Centrals s. 109
H.K. Hotels b. 112
L. Invest. n. 1091/6
H'phreys Est. n. 71/2
K'loon Lands n. 53
L. Reclamations n. 133
West Points n. 58

Cotton Mills.

Ewos b. t. 460
Kung Yiks b. t. 45
Lau Kung Mows n. t. 300
Orientals n. t. 290
Shai Cottons b. t. 315
Yangtszeoops b. t. 34

Miscellaneous.

Cements n. 61/2
China Borsons b. 17
Do. Light old sa. 71/4 new b. 5
China Providents b. 7.70
Dairy Farms b. 20 s. 22
Electrics H. K. n. 87
Electrics Macao n. 34
Hongkong Ropes s. 27
Hk. Tramways s. 7.5
Peak Trams. old s. 7
Do. new n. 80 cts.

Steam Laundries b. 314
Steel Foundries n. 10
Water-boats b. 1114
Watsons sa. 51/2
Wm. Powells b. 12
Wisemans b. 271/2

WEATHER REPORT.

February 3d. 12h. 22m.—No returns from Vladivostock, Japan, th. Philippines or the Marianas.

Pressure has increased considerably over China which is now covered by a strong anticyclone.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today 0.60 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.60 inches, against an average of 1.65 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast N.E. winds, fresh to strong; cloudy; some drizzling rain or mist.

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